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DUI/Driver License Checkpoint Planned September 1st

San Bruno, CA – The San Bruno Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on September 1, 2016, at an undisclosed location within the city of San Bruno. This checkpoint will run from approximately 6:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely. DUI Checkpoint locations are chosen based upon collision statistics, the frequency of DUI arrests, and the safety of both officers and the public. This affords the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013, simply because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 people were killed by an impaired driver during that same timeframe. Over the past three years, San Bruno Police Officers have investigated dozens of DUI collisions, which have resulted in numerous injuries and several arrests.

Officers will be checking drivers for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, as well as proper licensing. These checks will result in only momentary delays for motorists. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those drivers suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed that more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication – whether prescription or over-the-counter – drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law Enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving and reminds everyone that all it takes to save lives is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab, but

whatever you do, don't drink and drive. The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to "Map a Spot" with their current location in order to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area. Users can also obtain a "List of Spots" to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California. DDVIP users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role. They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb – all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000. This is not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out that you've been arrested.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the San Bruno Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to 'Report Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1'.

